

Troopers Investigating Fatal Pedestrian Crash-Fenwick Island

Fenwick Island-The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal crash involving a pedestrian that occurred earlier this morning.

The incident occurred on January 1, 2020 at approximately 3:20 a.m., when a 2016 Jeep Patriot was traveling southbound on Coastal Highway in the right lane approximately 1 mile north of Fenwick Island. A pedestrian was either walking or standing in the right lane, facing south. The operator of the Patriot was unable to perceive the pedestrian, who was wearing all dark clothing and not using a light. As a result, the right front of the Patriot struck the pedestrian in the right travel lane.

The operator of the Patriot, a 23-year-old male, from Georgetown, DE remained on scene. He sustained minor injury and declined medical treatment.

The pedestrian, a 44-year-old male from Ocean City, Maryland, was pronounced deceased at the scene. His name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin.

Coastal Highway southbound was closed for approximately 3.5 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800

VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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